

**Grant of Pension to Freedom Fighters
by Chandigarh Administration**

604. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether besides the Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme granted by the Central Government, the state of Punjab and Haryana also grant a pension to the freedom fighters; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-grant of such pension by Chandigarh Administration to those freedom fighters who are settled in the Union Territory and are not getting the same from Punjab or Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-
TRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.
JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal received from the Chandigarh Administration for grant of Freedom Fighters pension on the pattern of Delhi Administration is under consideration of this Ministry.

Power Shortage

605. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI K. PRADHANI:

**Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be
pleased to state:**

(a) the State identified by Government
in the matter of Power shortage;

(b) the reasons thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government
to supplement the power supply, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-
VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI
KALP NATH RAI): (a) State-wise power
supply position during April, 91-Oct., 91 is
given in the Statement attached.

(b) The main reason for power shortage
in the country was demand outstripping the
availability of power.

(c) Various measures being taken to
improve the availability of power include
expediting commissioning of new generat-
ing capacity, implementation of short gesta-
tion projects, improving the performance of
existing power stations, reduction of T&D
losses, implementation of demand manage-
ment and energy conservation measures,
and arranging transfer of energy from sur-
plus to deficit areas.